

AO 239 (Rev. 01/15) Application to Proceed in District Court Without Prepaying Fees or Costs (Long Form)

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

BY: mkc/SCANNED BY: mm 12/17/15**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

for the

1:15-cv-1301**Janet T. Neff
U.S. District Judge**Andres Santiago
Plaintiff/PetitionerGrand Rapids Public Schools
Defendant/Respondent

Civil Action No.

**APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN DISTRICT COURT WITHOUT PREPAYING FEES OR COSTS
(Long Form)****Affidavit in Support of the Application**

I am a plaintiff or petitioner in this case and declare that I am unable to pay the costs of these proceedings and that I am entitled to the relief requested. I declare under penalty of perjury that the information below is true and understand that a false statement may result in a dismissal of my claims.

Signed: Andres Santiago**Instructions**

Complete all questions in this application and then sign it. Do not leave any blanks: if the answer to a question is "0," "none," or "not applicable (N/A)," write that response. If you need more space to answer a question or to explain your answer, attach a separate sheet of paper identified with your name, your case's docket number, and the question number.

Date: December 16, 2015

1. For both you and your spouse estimate the average amount of money received from each of the following sources during the past 12 months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income source	Average monthly income amount during the past 12 months		Income amount expected next month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	\$ <u>about 450/monthly</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>about \$100/monthly</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>\$900/monthly</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>\$1038 minus water bill and expenses</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Gifts	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Alimony	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Child support	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u> </u>

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Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ 0	\$ N/A	\$ 0	\$ N/A
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Unemployment payments	\$ 300	\$	\$ 0	\$
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Other (specify):	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Total monthly income:	\$ 1750.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 12456.00	\$ 0.00

after expenses

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of employment	Gross monthly pay
The Grand Rapids Public Schools	1331 Franklin St SE GR, MI 49506	Aug/2014 - March/2015	\$ 2800
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A

3. List your spouse's employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of employment	Gross monthly pay
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 0

Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Financial institution	Type of account	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
PNC Bank	checking	\$ 958.00	\$ 0
N/A	N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
N/A	N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A

If you are a prisoner, you must attach a statement certified by the appropriate institutional officer showing all receipts, expenditures, and balances during the last six months in your institutional accounts. If you have multiple accounts, perhaps because you have been in multiple institutions, attach one certified statement of each account.

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5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

Assets owned by you or your spouse	
Home (Value) <u>303 Maplelawn, St SE</u>	\$ <u>18,580</u>
Other real estate (Value) <u>637 Olympia S.W.; 2030 Division St.</u>	\$ <u>72,800</u>
Motor vehicle #1 (Value) <u>Toyota 2006</u>	\$
Make and year: <u>Toyota</u>	
Model: <u>Tundra</u>	
Registration #: <u>BHS 7074</u>	
Motor vehicle #2 (Value) <u>N/A</u>	\$
Make and year:	
Model:	
Registration #:	
Other assets (Value)	\$
Other assets (Value)	\$

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

Person owing you or your spouse money	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
<u>N/A</u>	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support.

Name (or, if under 18, initials only)	Relationship	Age
<u>N/A</u>		

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8. Estimate the average monthly expenses of you and your family. Show separately the amounts paid by your spouse. Adjust any payments that are made weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate.

	You	Your spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (including lot rented for mobile home) Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Average of \$ about \$400/monthly	\$ N/A
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ Average of \$ 300 monthly	\$
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep) <i>This year it has been</i>	\$ above \$1000/monthly	\$
Food	\$ 250 monthly	\$
Clothing	\$ 40 monthly	\$
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 1/4 monthly	\$
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 0	\$
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ \$300/monthly	\$
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ 0	\$
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's:	\$ \$200/monthly	\$
Life:	\$ 0	\$
Health:	\$ 0	\$
Motor vehicle:	\$ 0	\$
Other:	\$ 0	\$
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments) (specify):	\$ 0	\$
Installment payments		
Motor vehicle:	\$ 0	\$
Credit card (name):	\$ 0	\$
Department store (name):	\$ 0	\$
Other:	\$ 0	\$
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others <i>I included this above</i>	\$ above	\$ N/A

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Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other (specify):	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total monthly expenses:	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

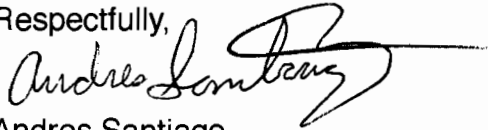
9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months? *I am no longer employed, whereby I am looking for*
☒ Yes ~~None~~ If yes, describe on an attached sheet. *employment and try to fix a*
Also, I have to anticipate the property taxes property which will take some time
10. Have you spent — or will you be spending — any money for expenses or attorney fees in conjunction with this lawsuit? ☒ Yes ☐ No *I spent*
 If yes, how much? \$ *\$1500 on a lawyer handling the Michigan Employment*
along with the bills *Relation Commission*
matter.
11. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of these proceedings.
My savings has been depleted greatly. I am trying to
search for employment that will help with my
12. Identify the city and state of your legal residence.
Kentwood, Michigan
- Your daytime phone number: *773-343-2639*
- Your age: *45* Your years of schooling: *23 years*

December 13, 2015,

Dear Federal Court,

My name is Andres Santiago. I am looking for employment. I have continuously spent a great deal of money restoring a property, which has no return, and which much work is needed and has been stop due to the inability spend funds to continue renovations. I am paying the utilities, gas, electricity and water, in which I don't know how long I'll be able to continue. I am not going to be able to pay an insurance premium. I really have to budget for just the basic needs, eliminating what I do not need. I do not know how I am going pay property taxes for the winter and the summer which has been averaging nearly \$5000 every year. I respectfully ask for the fee waiver.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andres Santiago", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andres Santiago
303 Maplelawn ST. SE
Kentwood, Michigan 49548